

Red Rope		
Minutes of NC Meeting		
4 th February 2017		
Carrs Lane Meeting Centre Birmingham		
Present: David Doody (IT), Sherry Macliver (National Treasurer), Janet Saunders, (Publicity) Steve Wright (West Mids), Adrian Jones (National Secretary).		
<i>Ite m No</i>	Minutes	Action
1	Welcome, Introductions, Minute Taker Chair –Steve Minutes - Adrian	
2	Apologies for Absence Rebekah Bates (National Trips), Barbara Segal (Lancs Hut Liaison), David Symonds (Bulletin Editor), Humphrey Southall (Ramblers/ Campaigns), Dermot Mckibbin (Training)	
3	Minutes of NC Meeting November 2016 Agreed correct	
4	Matters arising from previous minutes to be carried forward 5b – Sherry to prompt Becky to complete TOP form 5n – Sherry to use new trip a/c for the hut monies/payments, Barbara / Sherry still to liaise 8 BMC website links to RR regions – Sherry to action with BMC 9 – Steve still to organise a regional reps get together to discuss regional issues and promote RR at regional level.	Sherry Sherry Steve
5	Reports from Officers	
5a	National Treasurer To 1 st February 2017; total income £4689; total expenditure £4937 (budget £8271) Income and Expenditure in line with Budget. Note expenditure £4937 is greater than income £4689 at the moment, as the annual BMC affiliation fee has just been paid. Equipment expenditure £336 i/c £200 BMC grant. RR T shirts – received £227 sales monies from Dave Symonds. T shirt costs were £207.55, so £19.45 surplus. Five shirts left unsold; sell at AGM possibly, or via website. Janet to keep them in store. BMC annual subscription fee known to be increasing from next year. Sherry to produce 5 year record of monthly subscription income for next meeting BMC and their affiliated clubs maintain a fixed membership year; RR still have a rolling membership year and this conflicts with the insurance. Although BMC accept monthly updates and net payment for monthly membership changes at the moment, they may be less flexible in the future, resulting in RR continuing to pay for members who leave during the calendar year as well as paying extra for those who join.. Sherry to raise with the BMC at the March clubs committee meeting; Sherry to convene a sub committee (Sherry, Steve, Janet, Linda) to explore this and other membership issues (non-cheque payments, database feasibility etc).	Sherry Sherry
5b	National Trips Secretary Nothing to report other than booking Swarthbeck House for the New Year, 5 nights as a national trip. All other trips are just about full so not overbooked this year. NC meeting asked Becky to investigate a weekend for the next NC 1 / 2 July 2017), provided it can be filled as a National Trip as well. Possibly Cae Isgubor; Steve suggested also consider the 'Keld Barn', Yorkshire. If no hut available and/or it cannot be filled, NC to be a day meeting, Manchester preferred.	Becky
5c	National Trips Treasurer Trips bank account switching to Coop, work in progress; signatories proposed as Sherry, Dermot, Adrian, Becky, Humphrey Some trip finances update - Torridon 2016 made a loss of £200 approx; Cornwall October 2016 surplus £325.	Sherry

5d	Membership Secretary Linda Goss No report from Membership Secretary. Current membership December 2016 known to be 243 BMC and 27 Mountaineering Scotland. NC requested a brief note/update from Linda. Sherry receiving banking reports regularly so system working well.	Linda
5e	Bulletin Editor Dave Symonds A Scottish member was to supply the artwork for the spring bulletin but it is delayed so Dave put out a recent call for photos/artwork. There is some reasonable material available so the Bulletin should be OK. Will advertise the 5 spare RR T shirts in the spring bulletin at a slightly reduced rate, which would still cover costs. The idea would be that buyers would send cheques to Sherry. They would send Dave an email with their address and size and he would post the T shirt. Dave to ask Linda about the latest membership figure re numbers of Bulletin copies to be printed. 360 expected to will cover it.	David S
5f	MIS editor No report, MIS continues regularly. AGM 2017 has been inserted into MIS.	
5g	IT Officer and Website Dave - Nothing specific to report, continues to update website as required Janet - website pages relating to trips charges, and trip booking have had the old rates taken off now as they are no longer relevant. Has updated all references to MC of S to Mountaineering Scotland, their new name. And has added a post about AGM 2017 (in latest News) and updated the website Events page to mention the AGM 2017 is at Mankinholes	
5h	Training Officer No report. NC requests a brief update	Dermot
5i	BMC (Andy Bateman); and report from BMC Club's Committee (Sherry) Andy - Not present, no report. Continues to forward communications he receives from the BMC to the NC.	
5j	Publicity - Janet After discussion, actions for Janet_ - to order 30 sew on RR badges for ruck sacks; write to "Momentum " (Labour Party) to ask them to circulate details of RR; investigate possible stall at the annual "Tolpuddle Martyrs" festival in Dorset; investigate putting a RR post in any publications / newsletters of the Open Spaces Society.	Janet
5k	Ramblers Rep - Humphrey Southall. No report, not at meeting It is understood Humphrey is to attend the Ramblers National Council Meeting 2-3 April 2016. Funding from RR Action Fund. Do we have any motions we wish to propose to that AGM?	Humphrey
5m	Gear Co-ordinator Not present, no report. Sherry has purchased, (with BMC grant) 4 helmets, 2 shovels, and 2 avalanche probes for winter trips. To draft a note on their availability for the Bulletin. Sherry is temporarily storing these until the February Winter trip, but long term probably Becky as trip organiser. A list of all RR gear still required, John Dickie still to action. Adrian to prompt him. Probably should discard any kit older than 5 years, Adrian to circulate the BMC guidance notes on this to the NC.	Sherry Sherry Adrian
5n	Cae Ysgubor Hut Barbara has sent all key holders some updates on access information and booking procedures. Barbara requested by NC to provide summary income, expenditure, and bed nights taken up for each NC meeting.	Barbara Barbara
6	Complaint A complaint has been received by the NC from a member. A sub committee has been formed to investigate/respond.	

7	<p>AGM 2017 YHA Mankinholes have agreed a relatively early Sunday departure (2pm). Sherry investigating possibility of staying overnight Sunday for anyone interested. Adrian to attempt to contact Karl Tonks (RR Manchester rep – or others in the region) to help organise AGM catering. And to circulate to NC an AGM Task list before next NC meeting. Janet has added a post on the website about AGM 2017 (in 'Latest News') and updated the 'Events' page to mention AGM 2017 is at Mankinholes.</p> <p>Investigate climbing opportunities in the area – Adrian to contact Peter Kos, Malcolm Donne for advice/ideas</p>	<p>Sherry Adrian</p> <p>Adrian</p>
8	<p>Constitution - policies A number of proposed changes to the RR Policies were agreed and the document edited by the meeting. Several tasks still to be undertaken; Janet to draft a paragraph about the website for the policies; Club Hut – additional wording to include bed night booking and hut key arrangements; latest trip charges; each NC officer to review their job description and amend if needed, advise by email to Steve. Policy changes will need to be agreed by the AGM 2017.</p>	<p>All, Steve</p>
9	<p>Regional issues Steve to draft a short paper on 'Regional Communications' for next NC</p>	<p>Steve</p>
10	<p>Any Other Business none</p>	
11	<p>Date of Next Meeting RR National Trip weekend: Two nights Friday June 30th / Saturday July 1st at ORead Mountaineering Club Hut, Heathy Lea, Baslow, Derbyshire. 12 places. Booking forms to Rebekah Bates, 148 St Leonard's Road Leicester LE2 3BZ (rebekah.bates@yahoo.co.uk). NC meeting itself to be Sunday 2nd July 9.30 am</p>	